Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
August 10, 2025 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✢ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 482

"I Come with Joy"

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

A: A reading from Genesis.

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be
afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said,
"O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my
house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no
offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of
the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very
own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward
heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and
the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

P: [12] Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
C: [13] The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
P: [14] God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
C: [15] God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
P: [16] A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
C: [17] The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.
P: [18] Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
C: [19] to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
P: [20] Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
C: [21] Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
P: [22] Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

A: A reading from Hebrews.

[1] Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [2] Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. [3] By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

[8] By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. [9] By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land,

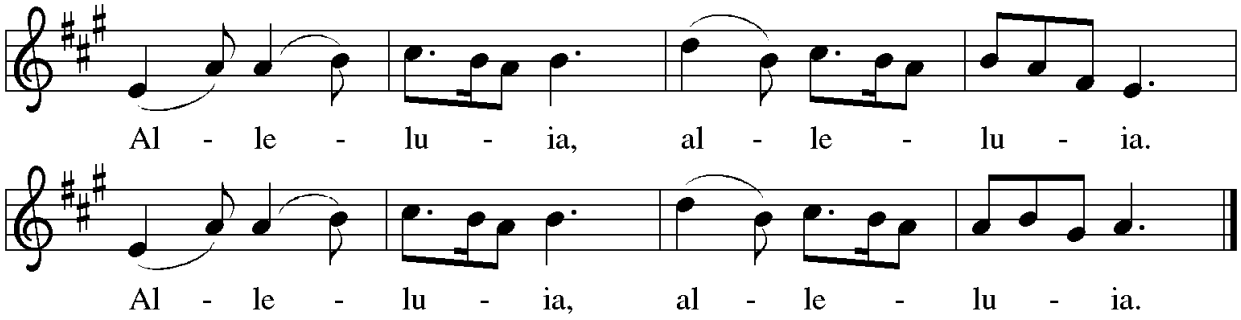
living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. [12] Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

[13] All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, [14] for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. [15] If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. [16] But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to
give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for
yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief
comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart
will be also.

35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting
for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the
door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the
master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have
them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the
middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief
was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Deacon Karen Ludwig

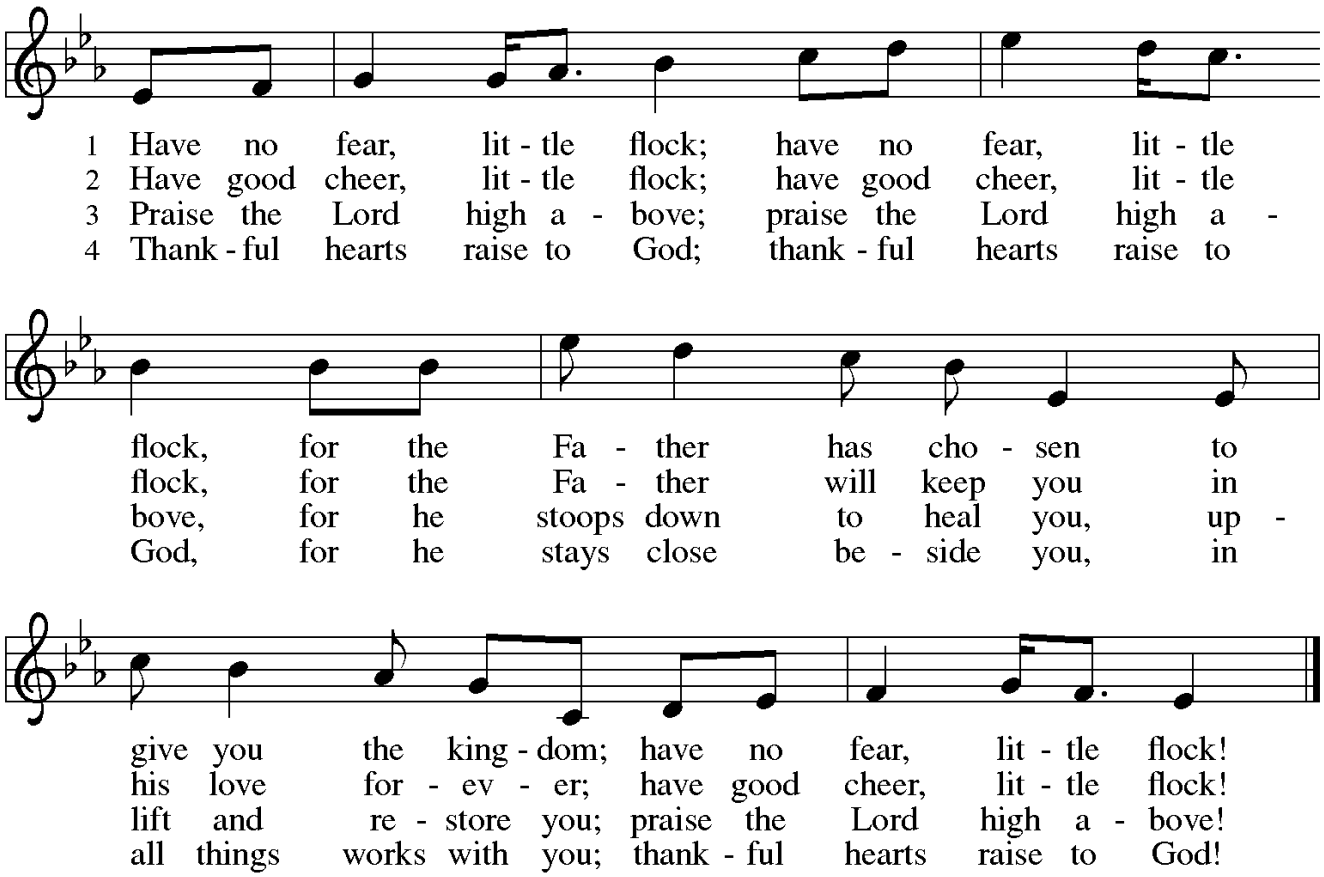
A special message for children.

SERMON — Deacon Karen Ludwig

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 764

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"


1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to
flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in
give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need especially John, Mary, Vicki, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, the friends and family of Barb, and all those effected by the floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

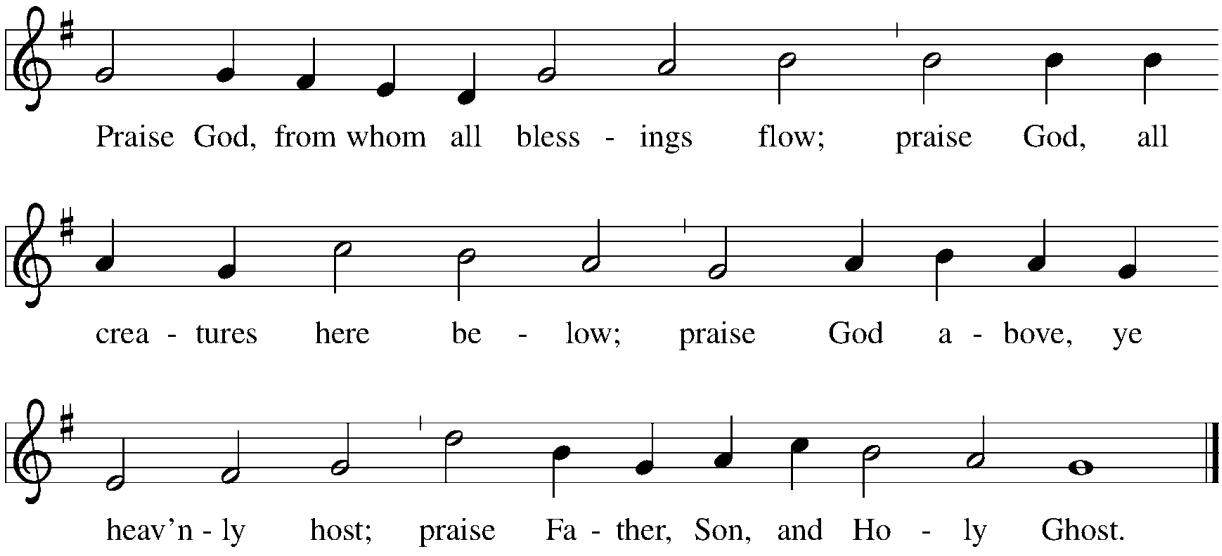
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

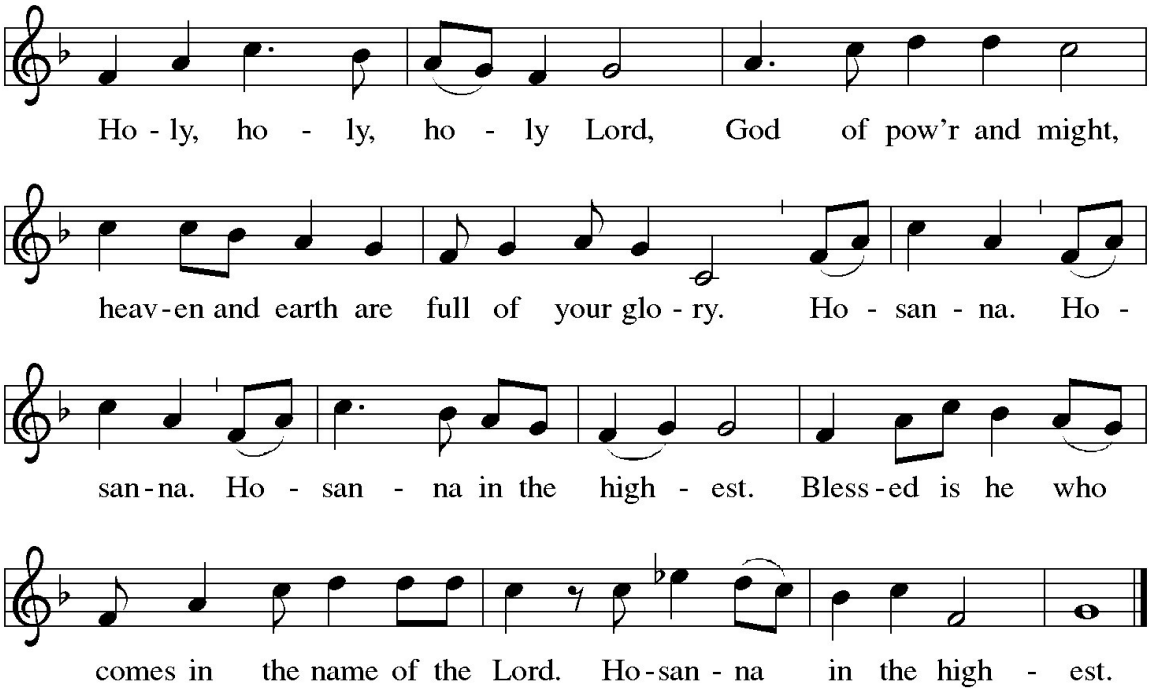
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

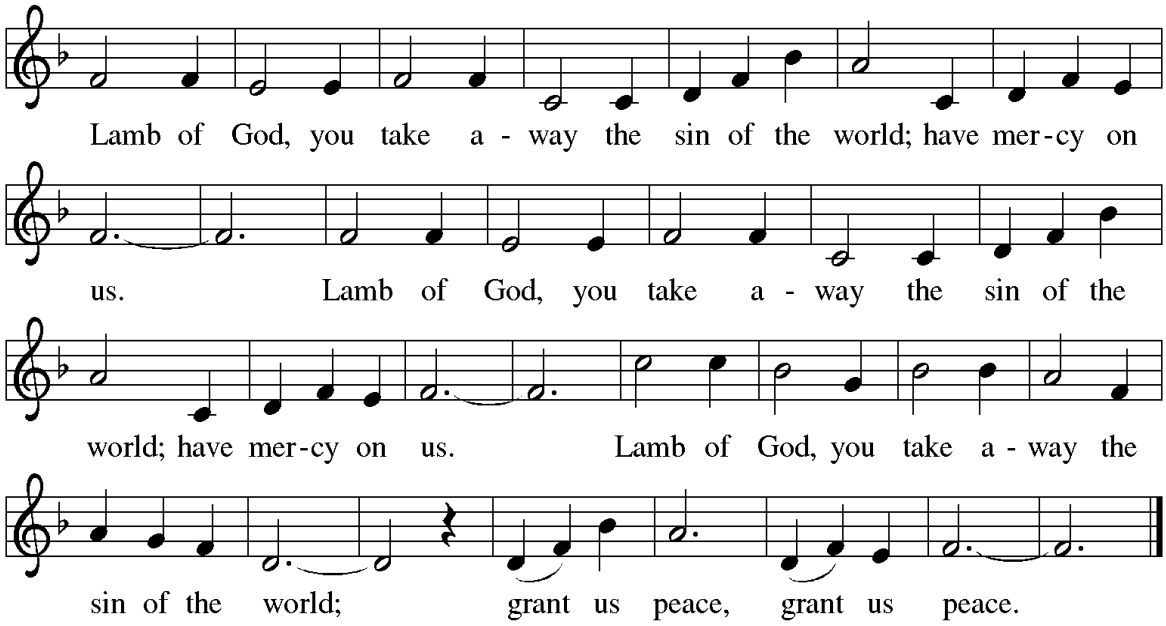
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, ...
5 Yes, Lord, ... I be - lieve that . . .
come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, ... and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .
I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -
you . . . . . are the Christ, ... the . . .
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his
lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . .
me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, ... you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .
Refrain
All
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

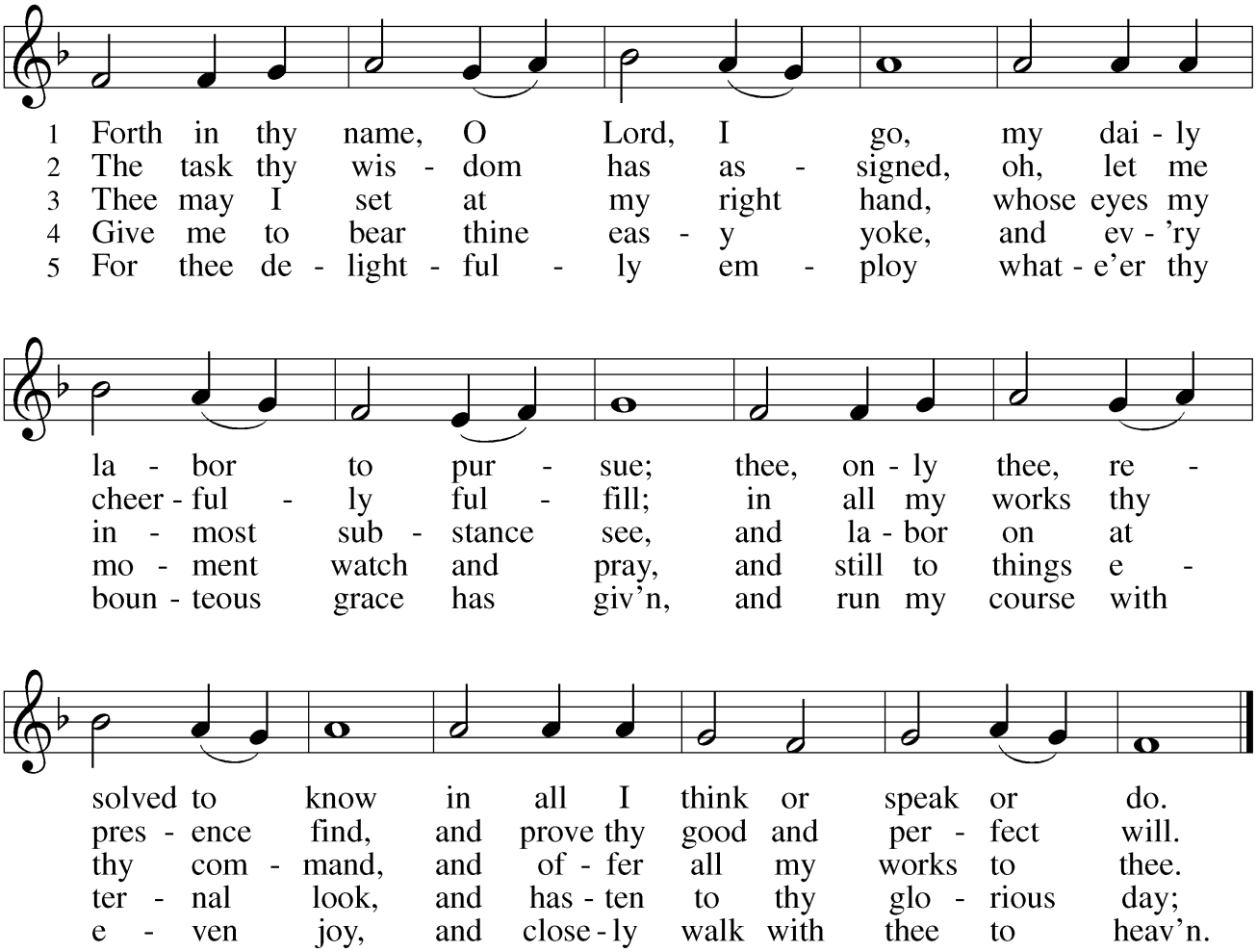
BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ
fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✢ bless you
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN HFW 343

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"


1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
2 The task thy wis - dom has as - signed, oh, let me
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my
in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.
4 Give me to bear thine eas - y yoke, and ev - 'ry
mo - ment watch and pray, and still to things e -
ter - nal look, and has - ten to thy glo - rious day;
5 For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy
boun - teous grace has giv'n, and run my course with
e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Return of the Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be back in the gathering area to collect school supplies, starting July 27. Find sales on pencils, paper, crayons, glue, whatever school supply you want to donate for all school ages. Gently used backpacks also accepted. Donations will be given to local schools. Deadline for donating is August 31! Thank you!

History in Maps:

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Scheduled for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start at 11:30 AM, following church services. There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

Gardening/Weeding help needed around the church.

If you would like to "adopt" an area or just do a little, it would be great. Nothing is too small or big. I can do a "tour" after church to show anyone interested what weeds we have and what they look like. You can come anytime of the day, or week to do some work, use your own preferences and abilities. I can join some people if you let me know when you are planning to do some work.

Della Diehr 734-740-6029 dmdiehr@gmail.com

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 8/3/25: 52

This past week (July 28–Aug 3) we received income of: $8,194

Approved Budget: $285,719 *Needed Weekly:* $5,495

For the month of July we had:

- *Receipts:* $11,612
- *Disbursements:* $19,713
- *July Balance:* $ - 8,101
  - *Negative July balance due to:*
    - Disbursements exceed receipts.

So far this year we have:

- *Receipts:* $195,370
- *Disbursements:* $166,411
- *YTD Balance:* $28,959
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Investments positive change in value
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes
    - Many pledges being paid 100% thru June 30th rather than spread weekly or monthly

Last year at July 31, 2024 our balance was $ 6,339. Thank you for your support.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, August 10 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 12

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery

Wednesday, August 13

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, August 14

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am

Friday, August 15

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, August 17 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Steve, Dawn, Elizabeth, Cora, the friends and family of Barb, and all those effected by the floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

Links:
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Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
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Guest Pastor..... Deacon Karen Ludwig
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Monica Doerr

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